



St Michael's Catholic Church Linlithgow NEWSLETTER

4th Sunday in Advent

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Public Mass this Sunday is at 9.15 and 11:00 am

LIVESTREAM: on the second Sunday of each month
Please follow the link on our Parish website: www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk

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Readings this Sunday

Micah 5:1-4 The Messiah will be born at Bethlehem

Psalm God hosts bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

Hebrews 10:5-10 Our Saviour has a human body and a human heart.

Luke 1:39-44 Even in the womb John the Baptist is filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus is therefore the source of John's prophetic value and greatness

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday	10am	Mgr Ali Lawson
Tuesday	5pm	Gerry Henry
Tuesday	7.30pm	Special Intention
Wednesday	10am	Special Intention
Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	No Mass	
Saturday	No Mass	
Sunday	9.15am	People of the Parish
	11am	Sick of the Parish

Please note that Mass on Sunday is always for the people of the parish. Private intentions are remembered at weekday Masses. Mass on the first Friday of the month is in the school during term time.

MASS AT CHRISTMAS:

Christmas Eve 5 pm (Vigil);
8 pm (Carols from 7.30: Mass During the Night);
Christmas Day 10 am

<p>THURSDAY is the Feast of St Stephen FRIDAY is the Feast of St John SATURDAY is the Feast of The Holy Innocents</p>
<p>Please pray for the repose of the soul of Diane McWade who has died aged 67 as a result of a fall. Funeral on 31 December 10am.</p>
<p>ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK Maureen Paul, Annie Harkins, Ian Miller, Sarah Cairns, Ivy McCann, Charles Augustine Hancock</p>
<p>PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR NOVEMBER: Offertory income £4,426. Expenses £24,652, which includes £19,826 Archdiocesan assessment, £1,026 for work on boundary wall and £880 kitchen decorating.</p>
<p>The family of the late Maud and Moore McCartney thanks all those parishioners who supported the family by attending the funerals: "There is something very special in seeing a parish support a bereaved family in such a compassionate and unassuming way. The singing was lovely and a lot of people at the tea commented on how nice the Mass and music was."</p>
<p>CHURCH CLEANING Wednesday 8th January 10.30am Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Dwyer. If anyone else can manage to come as they are wanting to do a Spring Cleaning they would be most welcome.</p>
<p>STALL Calendars, Diaries and The Archdiocese of St. Andrew & Edinburgh on sale £3.00</p>
<p>CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE was won by Mrs. Jean McMeechan. Total raised was £245. for SCIAF.</p>
<p>SSVP COLLECTION Thank you for your donations of £141 last week.</p>
<p>MARY'S MEALS COFFEE MORNING - will be held in the Hall on Saturday 25th January to raise funds for our sponsored school. There will be a box at the back of the church in January for raffle/tombola donations.</p>
<p>HEALTH AND SAFETY All church volunteers are encouraged to follow online those online Health and Safety courses that are relevant to them. Access to these courses can be found https://staned.astutelearning.com/Content/MicroLearning/Home.aspx</p>
<p>ROSARY FOR LIFE at 5pm on Fridays. The Alive Prolife group say the Rosary most Fridays in the church. We communicate using WhatsApp. Please email eddielove15@gmail.com or Stephen.gal@hotmail.co.uk and we'll add you to our group</p>
<p>NEW PARISHIONERS - there is a registration form at the back of the church that can be filled in and handed to Canon Paul.</p>
<p>PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND MIDDLE EAST O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words, and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts. May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity. Amen</p>
<p>NEWSLETTER – items for newsletter email, before Thursday, DeaconDouglas.Robertson@staned.org.uk</p>

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Parish website www.stmichaels-rc.org.uk Archdiocese website www.archdioceses-edinburgh.com

Notices from the Archdiocese

For Archdiocese events see the “News and Events” page on the website or use this QR code:



MASS FOR THE OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

Archbishop Cushley will solemnly open the Jubilee Year 2025 for the Archdiocese with Holy Mass and the blessing of the Jubilee Cross at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at midday on Sunday 29 December. Follow 'Holy Year Scotland 2025' on Facebook and visit www.iubilaeum2025.va for more details about this special year.

LOURDES 2025

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Holy Year 2025 takes place from 11-18 July. For more details please visit <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25>

MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND LIFE

The Catholic Families for Life Newsletter is available to read online. Visit <https://marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk/newsletter/>

ADVENT ROSARY The annual Advent Rosary continues on Zoom this Monday (23 Dec) at 7:45pm, with a reflection from Archbishop Leo Cushley. Join us to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/adventrosary

DIPLOMA IN CATECHETICS

The Diploma in Catechetics is a year-long course beginning in January. It consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, readings from the Catechism and regular one-to-one support. Holy Year discount: £125 (normally £200). Register at bit.ly/diploma2025

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Join Archbishop Cushley, priests and people of the Archdiocese to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents at St Margaret's Chapel at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB ON Saturday 28 December. Complimentary refreshments and social afterwards. Register at bit.ly/prolifeevents or just come along on the day.

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